MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Which machinery ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Government with the advice of the Chief Engineer.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Have the Principals of any of the colleges any voice in the matter ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No.

Appointment of a Tunnel Expert.

27.* **MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether a tunnel expert has been appointed as Assistant to the Electrical Chief Engineer and if so the terms on which he was appointed ;

(*b*) whether he has been appointed in the hope that Government would be able to carry on the tunnelling work with his help and whether it has now been found that such scheme is not practicable ; and

(*c*) whether they now propose to give the tunnelling work on contract to foreign firms and if so whether there would be any necessity for the continuance in service of the tunnel expert ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Mr. N. V. Dorofeef, A. M. I. E. (Ind.) formerly Tunnel Engineer in the Hydro-Electric branch of the Punjab P. W. D, has been appointed, subject to the following terms, as the Resident Engineer in charge of the Tunnel and Civil Engineering works in connection with the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme for a period of three years with effect from 15th April 1933:—

1. He will be paid a monthly salary of Bh. Rs. 1,400 without free quarters.

2. His appointment will be for three years subject to six months' notice on either side.

3. He should contribute to the State Provident Fund 1/11th of his salary to which Government will contribute an equal sum, the whole accumulating at compound interest at the usual rate *viz.*, 5 per cent.

4. He will be allowed travelling allowance at the rates usually admissible to an officer of his pay according to the Travancore Service Regulations.

5. He will be entitled to first class passages to England for himself and family not exceeding 4 in all in case he leaves India immediately after the termination of his service here.

6. He will be eligible for casual leave under the T. S. R. and two months' privilege leave in a year as a special case in consideration of the unhealthy and strenuous nature of his work in tunnel boring and considering that he will be working all days including holidays. Privilege leave will have to be availed of during the term of his service unless it is refused in the exigencies of service.

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Mr. T. C. Thommen.]

7. He will not be entitled to any gratuity or pension.

(*b*) Mr. Dorofeef is appointed to supervise the construction of the tunnel at Pallivasal and the execution of such of the Civil Engineering works as may be found necessary by the Electrical Engineer in connection with the scheme. Government feel definitely assured that the scheme is a practical one and that Mr. Dorofeef with his special training and experience will be able to do the work very satisfactorily.

(*c*) Experience elsewhere has shown that to undertake the execution of works of this description departmentally will, in the long run, be neither economical nor sound. It is therefore proposed to invite tenders from experienced tunnel Engineers and contractors for this work. It is hoped that Government may succeed in getting an experienced contractor who can take up the work at a reasonable rate. Even if such a contract is fixed up, it is very essential to have a thoroughly experienced Engineer like Mr. Dorofeef to supervise the contractor's work which is of a very highly specialised nature. The services of a Tunnel Expert are therefore necessary.

MR PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know from the member whether the Tunnel Expert is an Assistant under the Electrical Engineer?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know the salary of the Electrical Engineer?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Rs. 500 to Rs. 700.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether the Tunnel Expert came for carrying on the tunnelling work?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether any tunnelling work has been commenced?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know the probable date on which that work might be commenced?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Then may I know the necessity for his appointment on the 15th April 1933?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The preliminary work had to be done.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) May I know the nature of the preliminary work?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Surveying.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Am I to understand then that no preliminary work was done before April 1933?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No work was done.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Am I to take it that the member means that no preliminary work was carried on prior to April 1933?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I request the member to explain what he means by preliminary work.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): I mean the same thing that the member himself means.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I meant the survey.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Am I to take it that the survey work is completed?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Then may I know whether the survey work has been carried on?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes. It is being carried on.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Then may I know the necessity for the appointment of a Tunnel Expert without even ascertaining what exactly the nature of the work would be?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The nature of the work is to cut tunnel and Mr. Dorofeef is to supervise the survey and the cutting of the tunnel.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether it was the Electrical Chief Engineer or somebody else who informed the Government that a tunnel has to be cut?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Electrical Chief Engineer.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Am I to take it therefore that he made this recommendation without carrying on the preliminary enquiry?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): He investigated and found that a tunnel was necessary.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I therefore take it that this appointment was necessitated because the recommendation was made by the Electrical Chief Engineer?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The appointment was made because a tunnel was found necessary.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Was it based on the Electrical Chief Engineer's report?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

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MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : Has the Electrical Chief Engineer himself any practical knowledge of this work?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : He has got every qualification for conducting the investigation.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : Then may I know whether this Electrical Chief Engineer himself has reported the necessity for the appointment of a Tunnel Expert?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : When a tunnel was found necessary he said that a Tunnel Expert may be appointed.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*) : May I know when it was found necessary to carry on the tunnel operations—whether it was before April or after April?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Before April.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know from the member whether Government have any idea as to the remuneration of the Tunnel Expert at the time he was employed in Punjab?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Was he under the service of the Punjab Provincial Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Was he in service there by virtue of a special covenant or as an officer in the regular cadre of service?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : He was in the regular service.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know whether applications were invited by advertisement?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know whether this particular man was sought for this place?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : He was found to be a proper person and he was appointed.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : Am I to take it that Government asked him whether he was willing to accept this appointment or whether he was an applicant for this post?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Government found that there was such a qualified man and appointed him.

Tour of the Tahsildar-Magistrate, Parur.

28*. MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of days from 1-10-1108 to 31-11-1108 the Tahsildar-Magistrate of North Parur was on circuit from his headquarters ; and

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